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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	)
Josée HAMEL, et al.	) Attn: BOX AF ) Group Art Unit: 1645
Serial No.: 09/471,255	) Examiner: VIRGINIA A. PORTNER
Filed: December 23, 1999	RECEIVED
Re: NOVEL STREPTOCOCCUS ANTI	GENS MAR 0 7 2003

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME JECH CENTER 1600/2900 PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) AND 1.17(a)(3)

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated

September 4, 2002 set to expire December 4, 2002 for an additional three months, i.e.,

up to and including March 4, 2003.

Please charge the amount of \$930.00 as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3) to Deposit Account No. 50-0417 to cover the Petition fee. A Request for Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 is being filed concurrently herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated

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with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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